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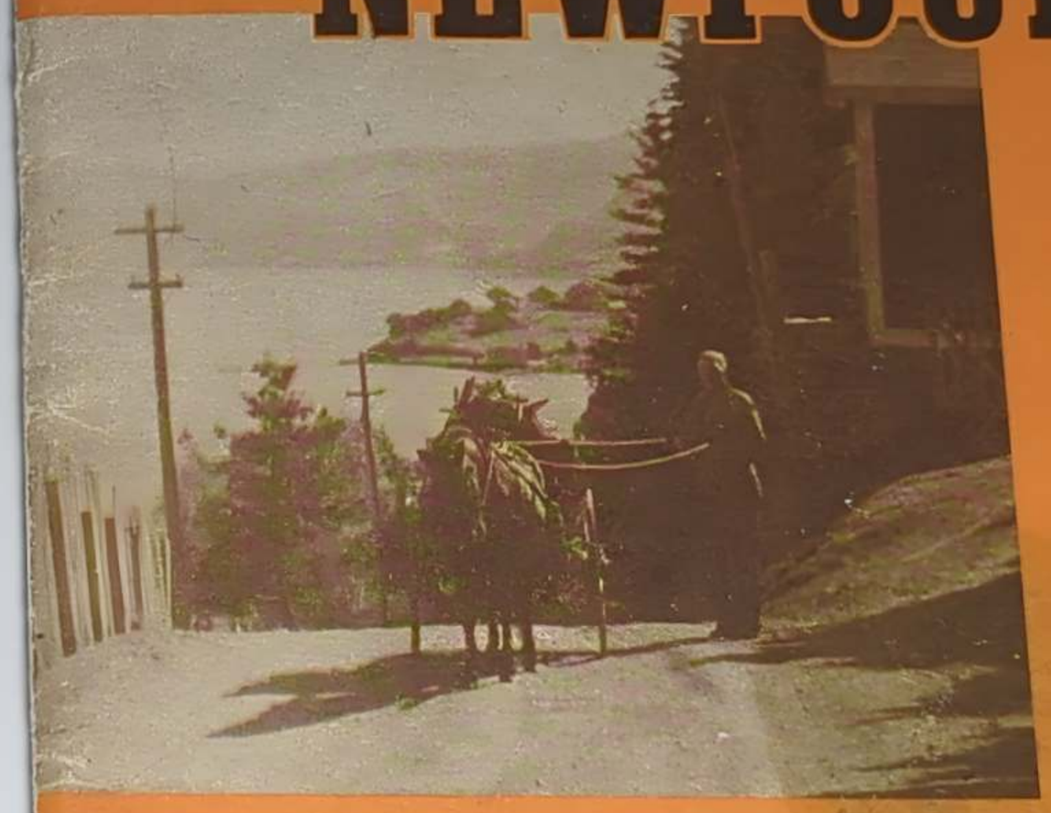

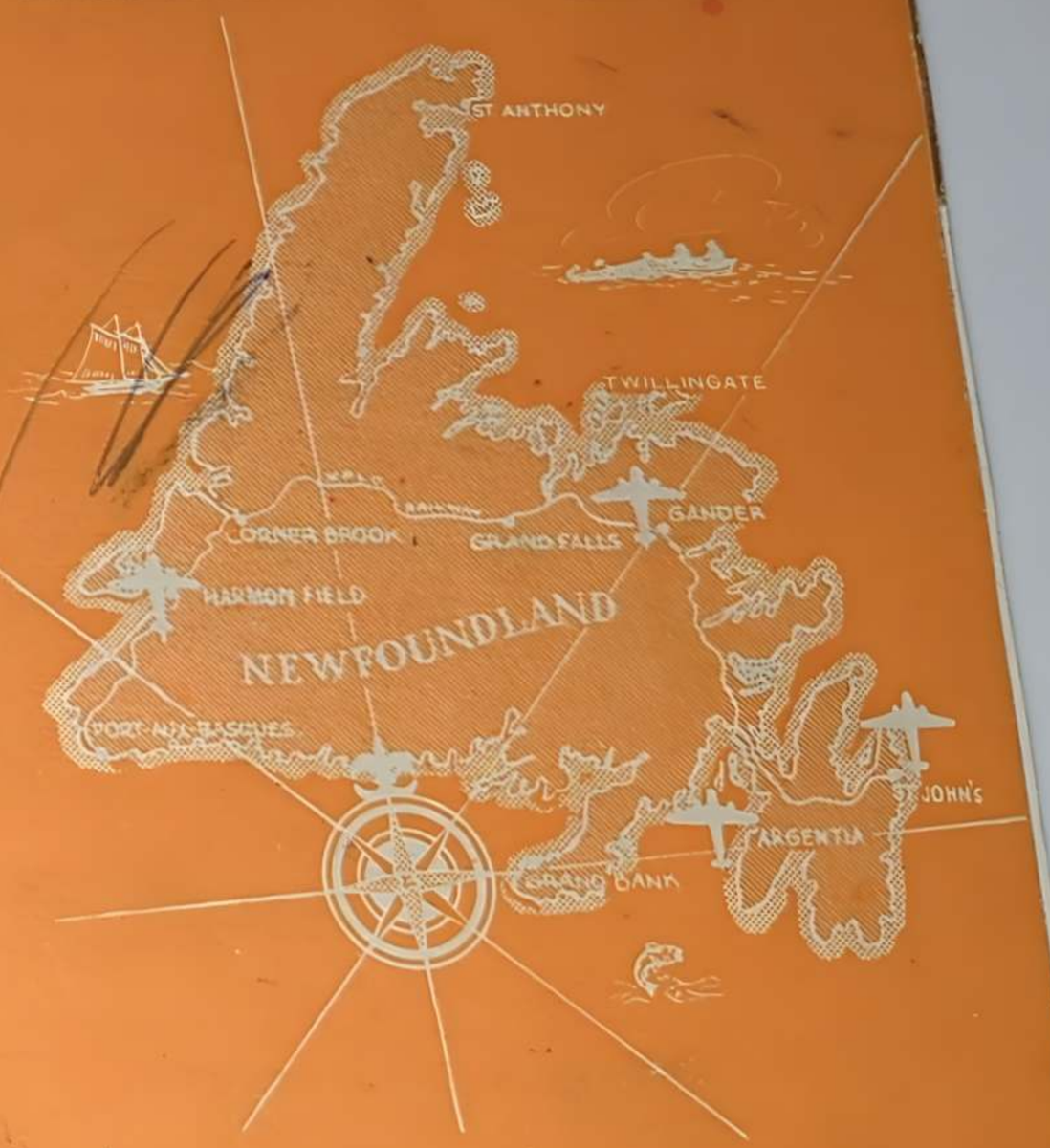

A PICTORIAL SOUVENIR OF THE CROSSROADS OF THE ATLANTIC

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AUTHORS' NOTE

This book consists of some 70 photographs selected from several hundred taken during a summer's tour of Newfoundland, and it is presented in the belief that it will serve a useful purpose as a pictorial souvenir of a delightful land that is still too little known. The Authors lay no claim to having produced a complete pictorial record of Newfoundland — that would take many summers; nor do they boast of any great attempt to make the present volume a source of detailed information about Newfoundland. The sole purpose of this printed picture-album is to capture for the reader some of the distinctive atmosphere of an ancient and colorful island which is now coming into its own as "The Crossroads of the Atlantic".

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GETTING THE SIGNAL AT RAWLIN'S CROSS

From the ancient Capital City of St. John's, where the Old World and the New converge, we set out to see Newfoundland in all its summer charm . . . . .

OLDEST CITY IN NORTH AMERICA

. . . . . the city, with its magnificent harbour

which for more than four centuries

has been a crossroads of world shipping,

lay behind us . . . . .

ST. JOHN'S WAS SAFE BEHIND THIS FORT

. . . . . towering above the port is

Signal Hill, sentinel of the North Atlantic

and site of ancient forts which guarded

the city in days gone by . . . . .

MONUMENT TO MARCONI

. . . . . on this hill of destiny too is a monument

commemorating the birth of wireless,

for here in 1901 Marconi's dream

of conquering space came true . . . . .

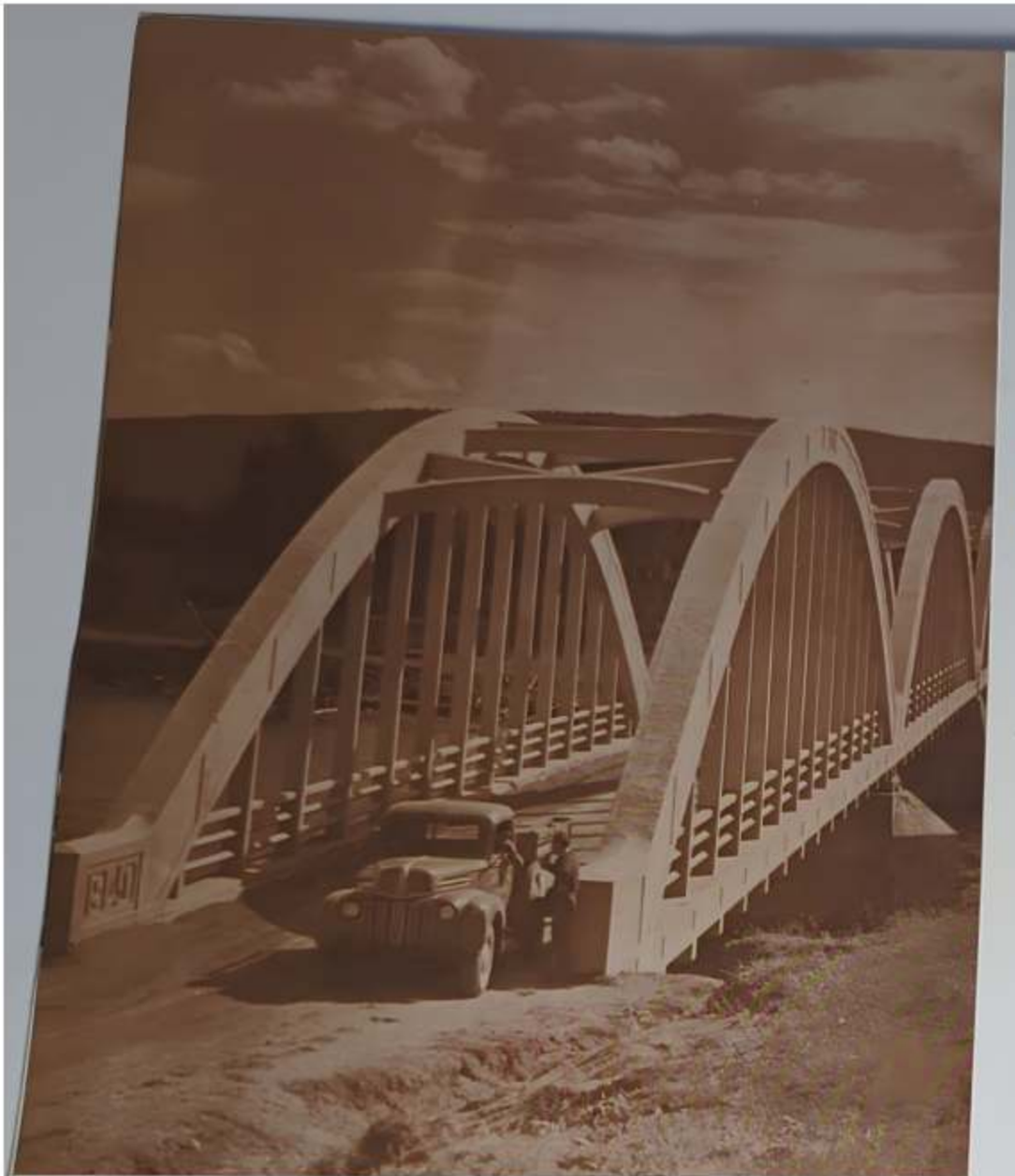
CHAIN ROCK LIGHT GUARDS THE NARROWS

. . . . . and below the towering hill is

Chain Rock light, a beacon for ships of

the seven seas and schooners seeking

to enter the harbour . . . . .



BRIDGING THE FAMOUS HUMBER RIVER

. . . . . we travelled by boat, train and car,

through picturesque towns and villages,

pausing here and there to capture

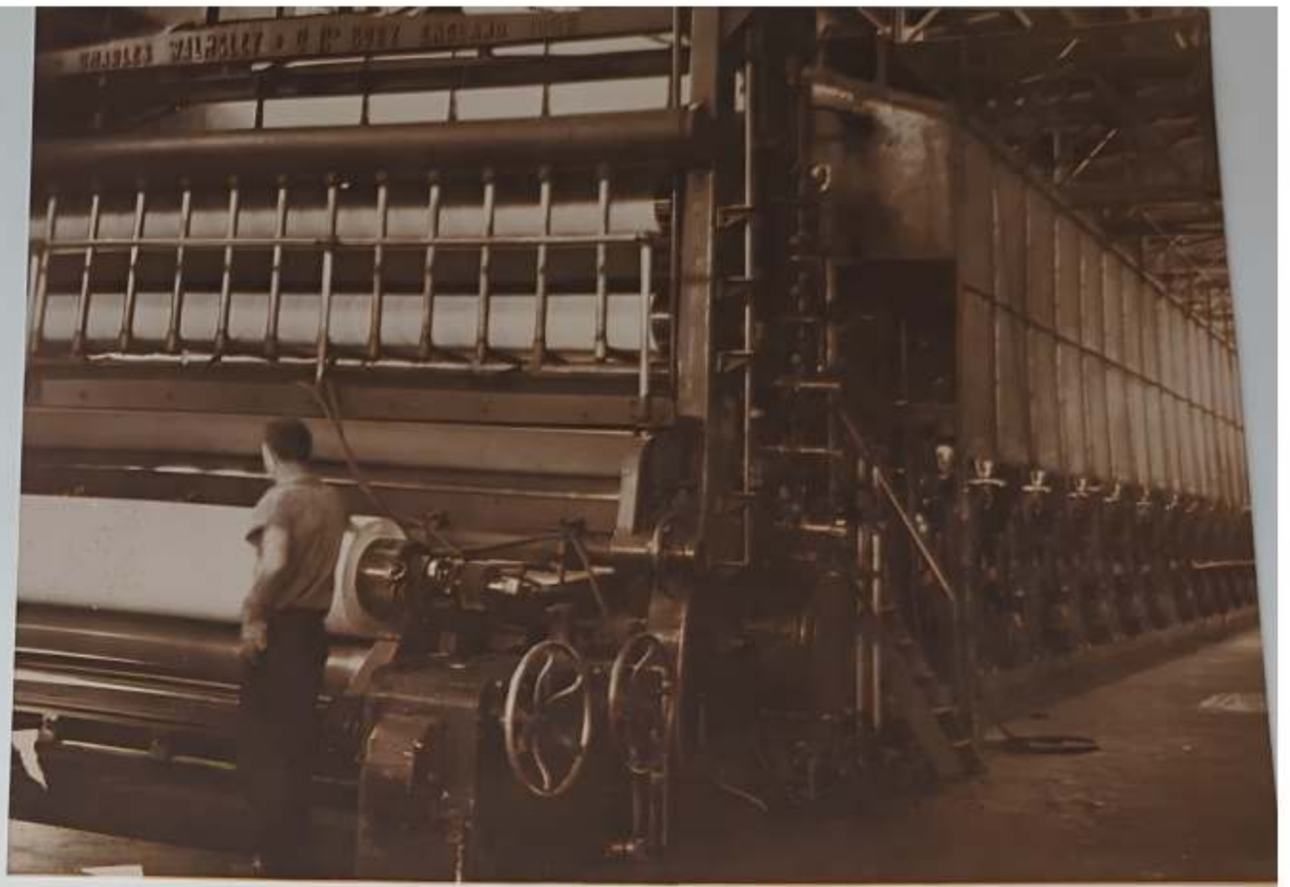
the scenic spots on film . . . . .

NERVE CENTRE OF A.N.D. MILLS

. . . . . first stop of any length was at Grand Falls, a modern inland town built around the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company's newsprint mills . . . . .

PAPER FOR WORLD MARKETS

*. . . . . though first established, in 1909, to feed the giant presses of the London Daily Mail, the **A.N.D.** Mills now serve a world-wide clientele of publishers . . . . .*



GIANT MACHINES WORK DAY AND NIGHT

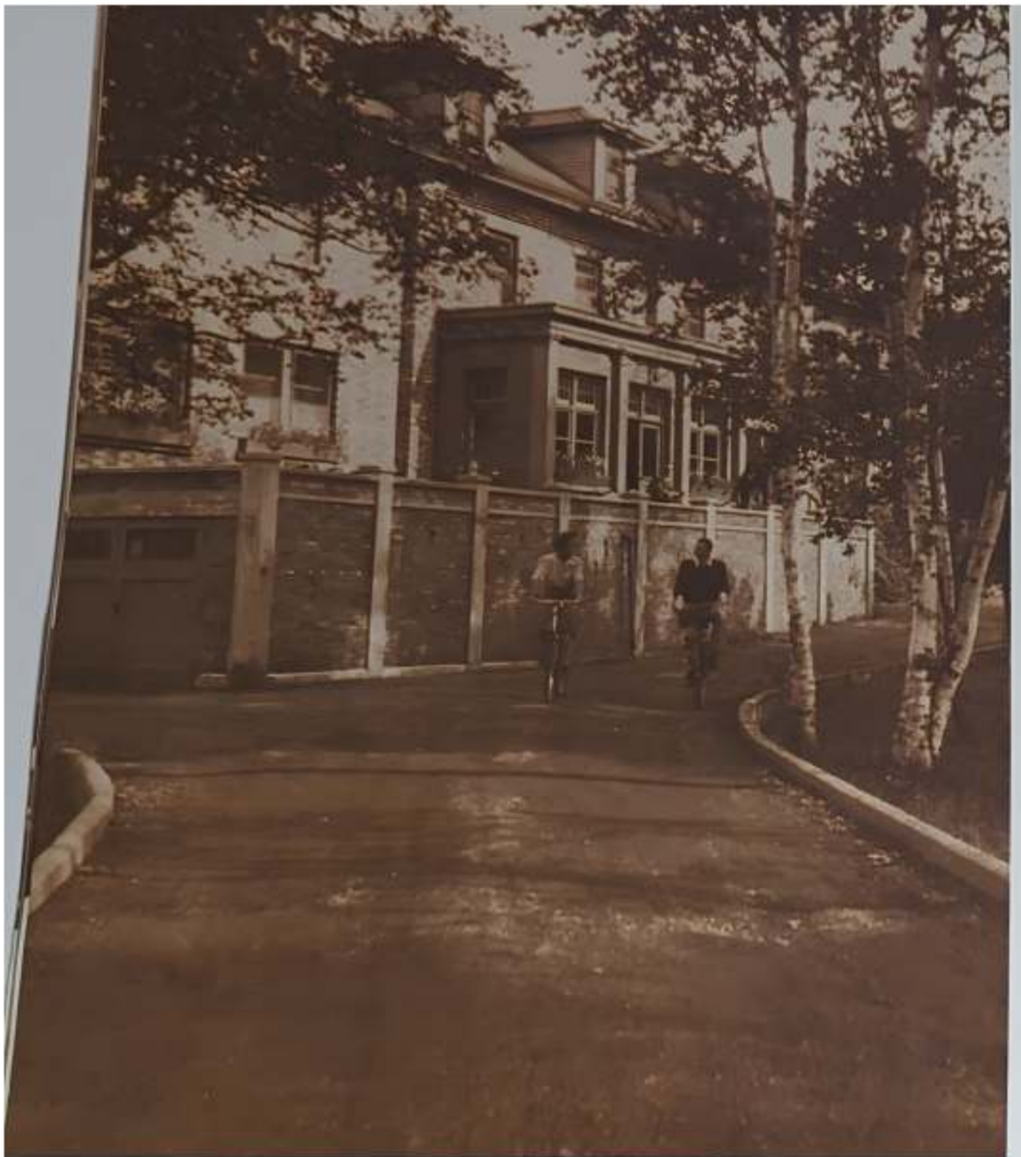
. . . . . paper turned out by these huge machines goes to the United States and South America, as well as England, and to meet the demand the mill operates to capacity . . . . .

WOOD TO FEED THE GIANT MILLS

. . . . . around the sprawling newsprint plant
are thousands of cords of pulpwood,
floated down-stream from the timber lands
and piled high in autumn to keep the
hungry mills moving . . . . .

"GRAND FALLS HOUSE"

. . . . . most exclusive residence in the town is Grand Falls House, where top officials of the Company visiting Grand Falls and other very special visitors are accommodated . . . . .



STAFF HOUSE AT GRAND FALLS

. . . . . general catering to Company people and travellers from outside is provided by the Staff House, a modern hotel set in a grove of stately birches . . . . .

GRAND FALLS HAS FINE SCHOOL

. . . . . one of the finest buildings of its kind in Newfoundland is the Grand Falls High School, fostered by the Company for the common good of all . . . . .

WATER POWER
KEEPS MILLS HUMMING

. . . . . visitors to Grand Falls are invariably taken to see the dam adjacent to the mill buildings and shown with pride the source of Grand Falls power . . . . .

SWIMMING POOL IS TOWN'S PRIDE

. . . . . what is a town without a swimming pool for the kiddies? Grand Falls has a fine outdoor pool complete with dressing rooms and guards . . . . .

BOTWOOD IS SHIPPING PORT

. . . . . from the mills at Grand Falls to Botwood, a distance of 22 miles, the A.N.D. Co. operates its own private railroad for the shipment of paper . . . . .

CALEDONIA CAMP HAD ITS DAY

. . . . . Caledonia Camp, former B.O.A.C. base at Botwood, is famous for the people who stayed there during the war, including Winston Churchill and a host of movie stars . . . . .

RAILWAY SERVES INLAND TOWNS

. . . . . Badger, linked by the Newfoundland Railway and by highroad to Grand Falls, is headquarters for a division of A.N.D. woods operations . . . . .

WOODSMEN OFTEN LIVE IN TENTS

. . . . . from Badger we took to the Hall's Bay road and were soon passing woods camps where stalwart lumberjacks were at work on logs and booms . . . . .

CAMP MEALS KEEP COOKS BUSY

. . . . . the busiest and most popular man in a woods camp is the cook. He must prepare three solid meals a day for appetites whetted by hard outdoor toil . . . . .

PUTTING AN EDGE ON THE AXE

. . . . . a wood-cutter is useless without his axe, and it must be a sharp axe. One of the chores around camp is to keep that razor-edge in shape . . . . .

MENDING IS AN EVENING CHORE

. . . . . another evening chore in camp is clothes-mending. The men keep their buttons on and minor holes mended, but big repair work is left for the women at home . . . . .

BANKING SCHOONER AT BURIN

. . . . . at Burin we absorbed the romantic atmosphere of the banking schooners, those sturdy vessels that are used for deep-sea fishing on the Grand Banks . . . . .

COD FILLETS ARE BIG BUSINESS

. . . . . splitting codfish for processing is big business in Newfoundland today, some 30,000,000 pounds of fillets being produced annually . . . . .

BURIN HAS MODERN FISH PLANT

. . . . . Fishery Products plant at Burin is one of 15 in operation around the Island which are collectively bringing new life to Newfoundland's basic industry . . . . .

HAULING COD-TRAP IN FRESHWATER BAY

. . . . . changes in processing and marketing of fish may come and go, but the cod-trap goes on forever. And it still is hauled morning and night for the harvest of cod . . . . .

AN OLD-TIMER IN FULL DRESS

. . . . . changes in the fishing industry are being reflected in the type of ships now in use. A rare sight today even in Newfoundland is a four-masted sailing vessel . . . . .

WHERE BOATS COME INTO THEIR OWN

. . . . . but boats of many types are widely used, sometimes as "salt-water taxis" for men who have shore jobs some distance from their homes . . . . .

LAUNDRY DAY ON THE FISH WHARF

..... like the cod-traps, the fish-tub is still very much in evidence around Newfoundland's indented coastline. Washing of every fish is essential before drying .....

COD IS WEIGHED BY THE QUINTAL

. . . . . when the codfish are split, washed and dried, they are packed in casks for shipment. Unit of measurement is a "Quintal" (112 lbs.), weighed when dry . . . . .

AROUND THE BEND AT HOLYROOD

. . . . . driving around Conception Bay,

we came upon scenes that were

literally visions of paradise, as witness

this view of Holyrood . . . . .

CROSSING THE EXPLOITS RIVER ON NEWFOUNDLAND'S LONGEST BRIDGE

. . . . . three passenger trains a week with foreign connections are operated across Newfoundland in summer, two in winter. It is the country's only cross-country overland artery . . . . .

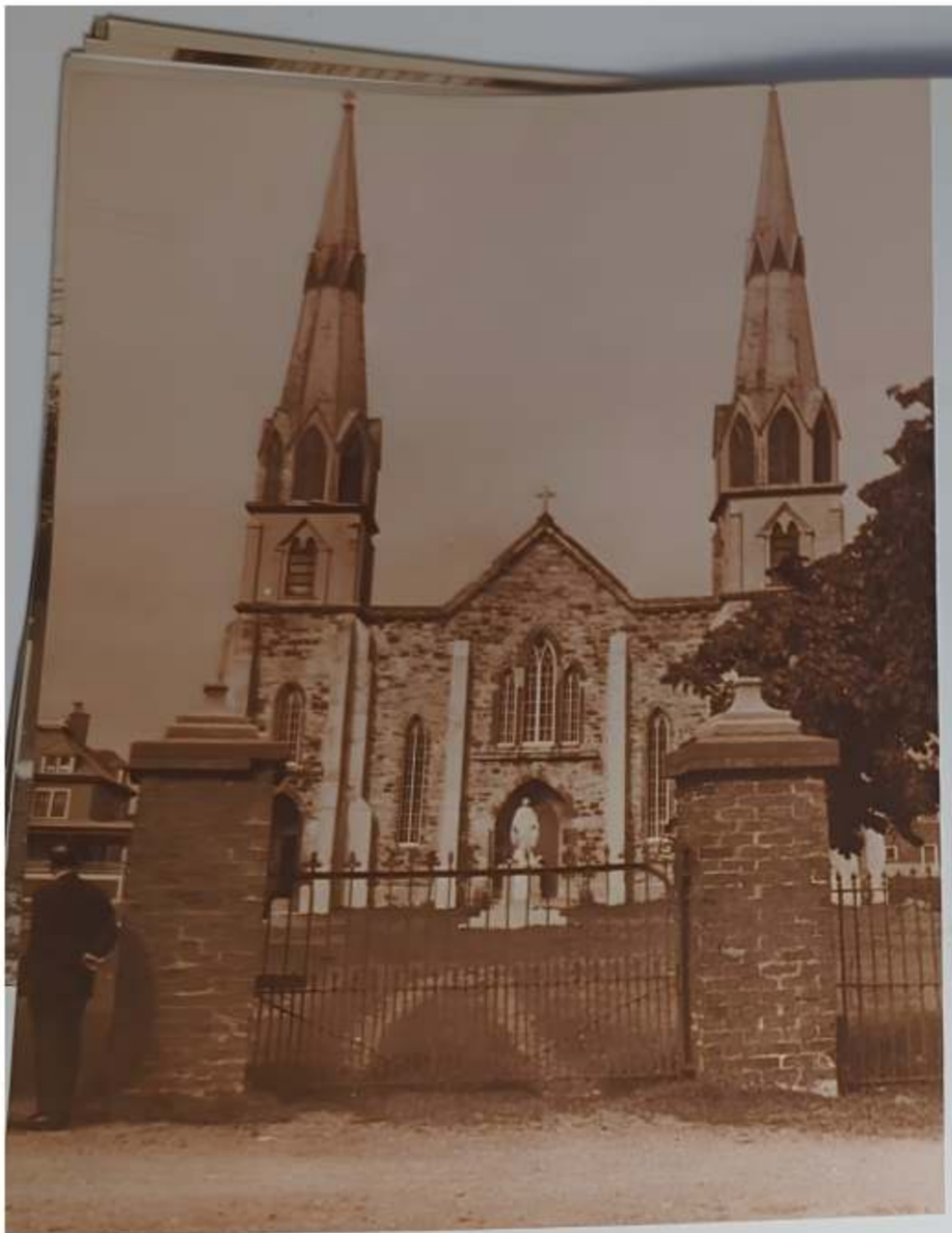
. . . . . the single track railroad, 547 miles long, winds through picturesque scenery, particularly on the West Coast, but has some rugged grades to climb . . . . .

DOOR MARKINGS FOR GOOD LUCK

. . . . . a common custom in the Island — some say it's a superstition — is for a man when he paints his barn to put a white circle on the doors, for luck . . . . .

MARINERS FIND A FRIENDLY BEACON

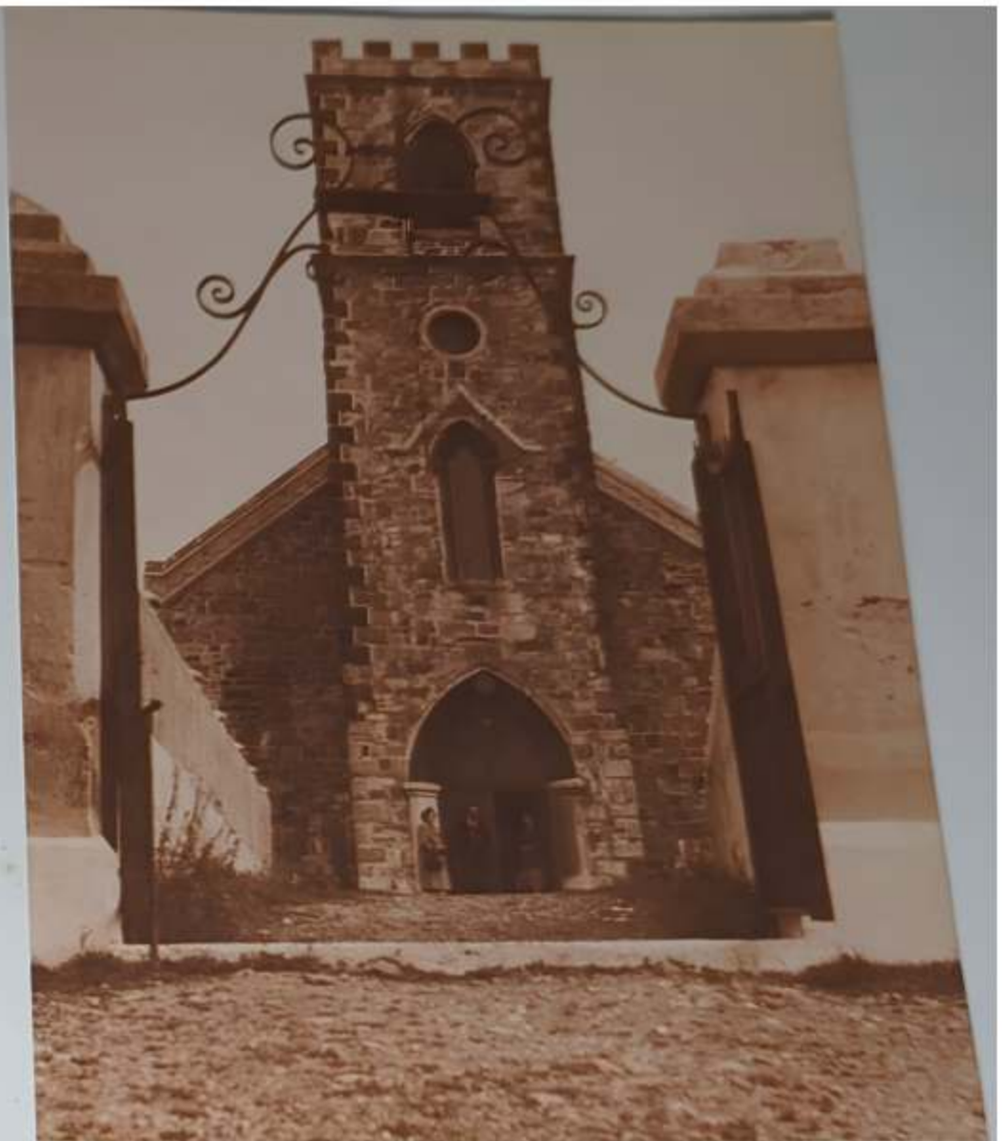
. . . . . when we visited the Harbour Grace lighthouse, it was in daylight and goats idly grazed around its base, but at night the beacon is truly a welcome sign for seamen . . . . .



CHURCHES DOT THE COUNTRYSIDE

. . . . . the church is the centre of life in Newfoundland communities, and worship on Sundays has a depth of meaning which is often lacking in larger places . . . . .

THESE TWO ARE AT HARBOUR GRACE



. . . . . the Roman Catholic church, at left, and the Anglican church, above, add distinction to the town of Harbour Grace. The latter was modelled after a church in England . . . . .

CHURCH BELL AT BURIN

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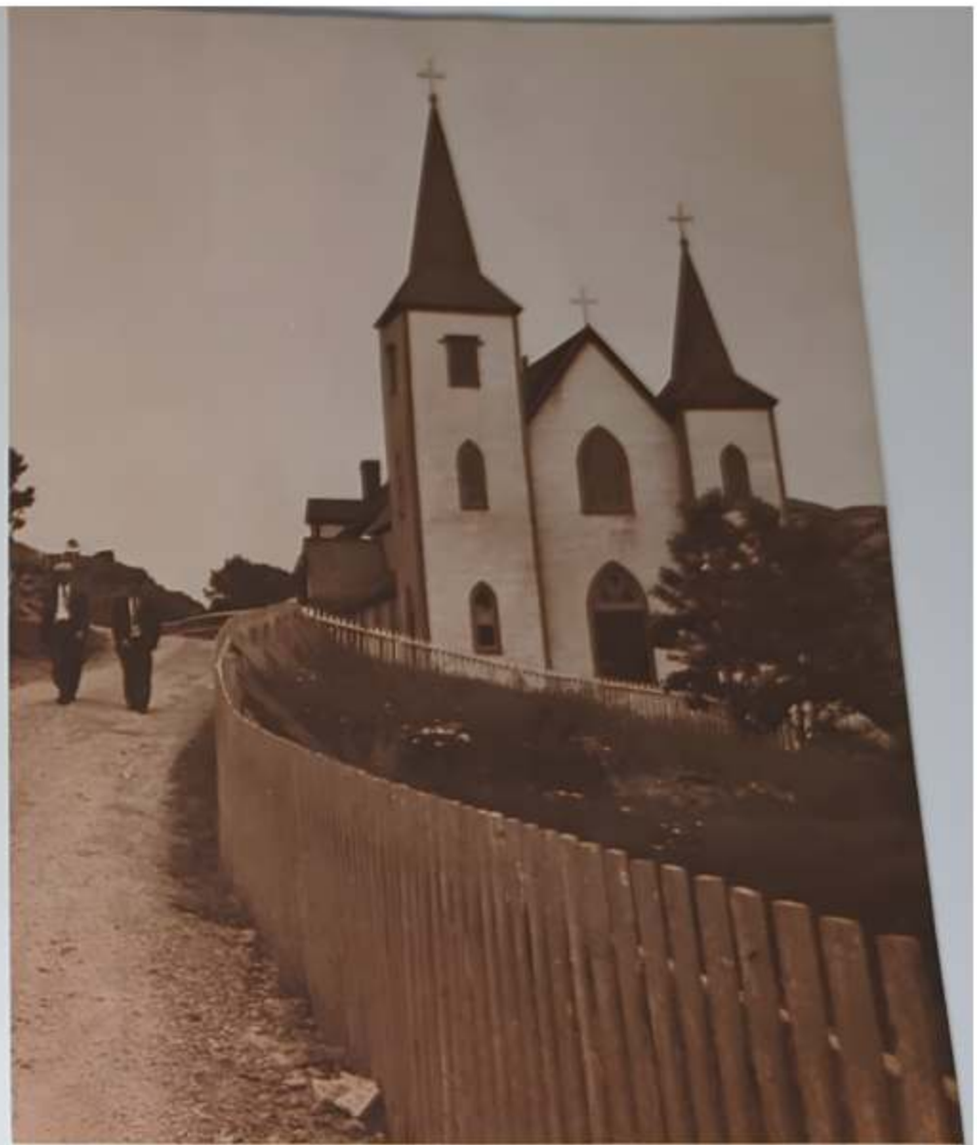
CHURCH BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD



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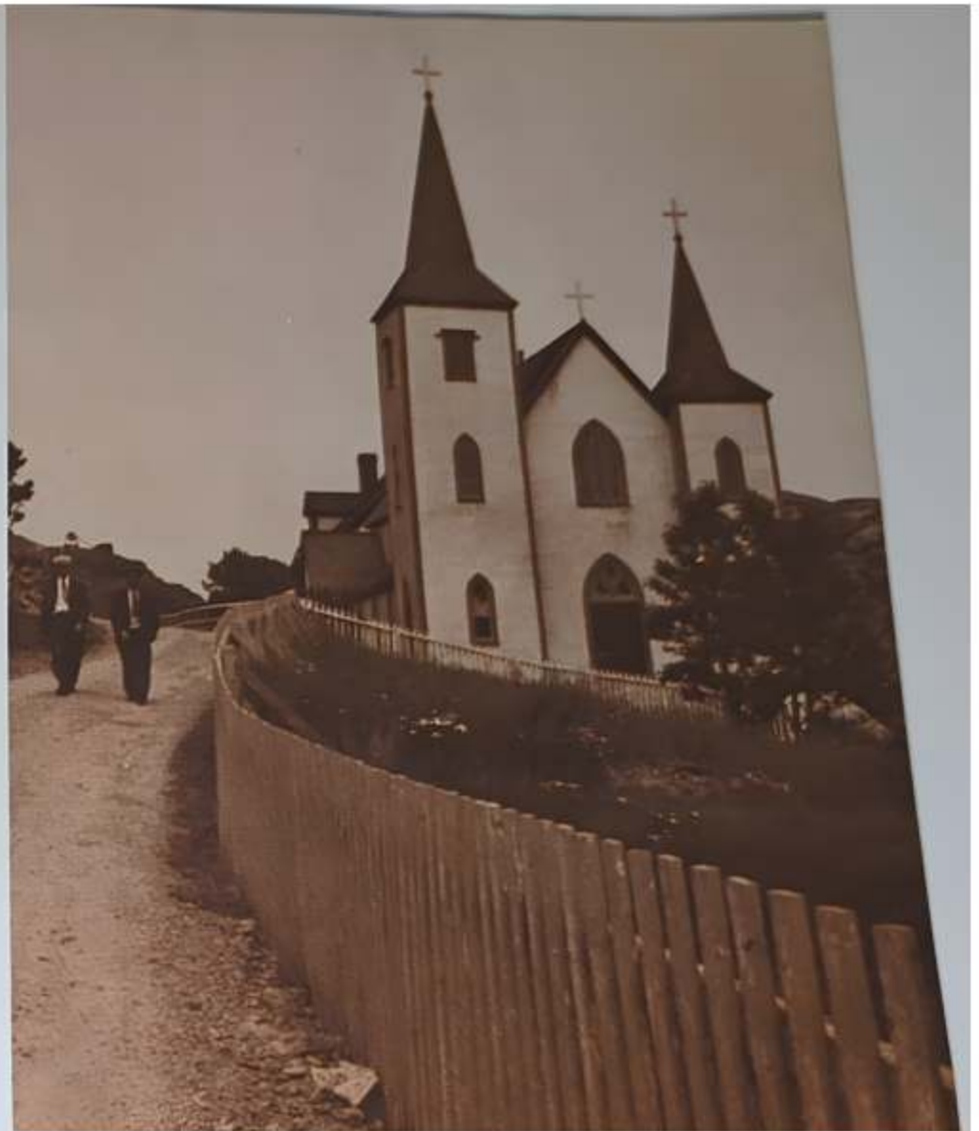

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RANGERS CHECK FISHING LICENCES

. . . . . at times in our travels we encountered members of the Newfoundland Ranger Force, a local body of police patterned after the Canadian mounties . . . . .

COPS IN KHAKI AT GRAND BANK

..... patrolling far-flung districts the Rangers travel by motor cycle, boat, train; by dogteam in winter, and on foot very often through all seasons .....

AT THE AVALON YACHT CLUB

. . . . . at the Avalon Yacht Club, Manuels, Long Pond, near St. John's, the sport of sailing is enjoyed on holidays and week-ends during the summer . . . . .

WIDE EXPANSE IN THE HUMBER VALLEY

. . . . . the whole broad expanse of the Humber Valley, the garden of Newfoundland, presents a panorama of fertility and beauty . . . . .

"CORNER BROOK HOUSE"

. . . . . close to the Glynmill Inn is Corner Brook House, residence of the General Manager of Bowater's Mills, mainspring of this lovely town on the Humber . . . . .

PULPWOOD PILES TOWER SKYWARD

. . . . . Corner Brook too boasts its piles of pulpwood logs, for here is located the Bowater paper mills, one of the largest in the world . . . . .

HUGE SIGNS WARN OF FIRE HAZARD

. . . . . all through the vast hinterland there are signs warning of the fire hazard, for the wooded wealth of the Island knows no danger like the searing flames . . . . .

MAKING UP BUNDLES FOR TRUCKING

. . . . . huge bundles are taken out of the water and carted by truck from areas where there is no direct riverflow to the plant . . . . .

HUGE TRUCKS CART LOGS TO RIVER

. . . . . one regular run for the giant Hayes trucks with cargoes of pulpwood is the thirteen-mile strip from Bayside in White Bay to the Upper Humber . . . . .

BUNDLES UNLOADED FOR "THE DRIVE"

. . . . . unloading these huge bundles is a job for the cranes, the same as loading. Bowater's have six Hayes' trucks on this run to the Upper Humber . . . . .

HORSES HELP TO SUPPLY CAMPS

. . . . . horses play their part too, drawing through portage roads food and equipment to keep the widely scattered woods camps in operation . . . . .

RUSTIC STAIRWAY IN WHITE BAY

. . . . . beauty abounds in the forest primeval, as witness this scene on the rustic stairway between Bayside and Hampden in White Bay . . . . .

HORSES SHARE THE "SACKING"

. . . . . horses play their part in loosening the logs, wading belly-deep in the water to get the precious pulpwood back into the stream . . . . .

AIRPLANES ARE USED FOR SURVEY

. . . . . aerial surveying gives the paper companies a clear picture of the timber stands and helps them to plan present and future cutting . . . . .

WHERE POWER IS GENERATED

. . . . . transmission lines leading from this power station at Deer Lake carry electricity to Corner Brook to run the mill and light the town . . . . .

HIGH WIRE WORKER KEEPS LINES IN ORDER

. . . . . maintenance of the transmission lines is an essential part of the power system and trained crews are always on the job . . . . .

BUILDING DAMS IS ANOTHER PHASE

. . . . . building dams, like other necessary jobs in the woods, calls for ingenuity and here an improvised pile-driver is seen in action . . . . .

SHOAL POND ON PINCH GUT ROAD

. . . . . Newfoundland is interlaced with innumerable lakes and streams where fishing and scenery are of the quality rarely met except in dreams . . . . .

BIRCH IS PART OF FOREST WEALTH

. . . . . large stands of birch, as well as fir and balsam, are found in Newfoundland, particularly in areas on the West Coast . . . . .

TWO GRAND FALLS BEAUTIES

. . . . . beautiful women were not hard to find either, as evidenced by this photo of two charming girls seen at Grand Falls . . . . .

CANNON GATES AT BAY BULLS

. . . . . one of the better-known sights of interest in the Avalon Peninsula is the church gate at Bay Bulls with posts made of old cannon . . . . .

CHURCH AT AVONDALE

. . . . . a drive through Avondale produced this picture of a white horse grazing contentedly across the road from the ever-present church . . . . .

LOOKING DOWN ON HAMPDEN

. . . . . from Conception Bay to White Bay is a long distance, but the scenery at Hampden is of the same fine quality, we found . . . . .

A BANKING VESSEL IN THE FOG

. . . . . we struck the fog once or twice

in our travels, and one day outside

Burin came upon a banker groping

her way into port . . . . .

TWILIGHT
IN NEWFOUNDLAND

. . . . . at last the trip, like all good things,

came to an end. But for us it was

really only the beginning — we

are coming back . . . . .

FACTS ABOUT NEWFOUNDLAND

"Sandy" a Newfoundland

- Newfoundland is the tenth largest island in the world. Triangle-shaped and 42,000 square miles in area, it lies astride the St. Lawrence River and is the natural guardian of the eastern approaches to North America.
- Discoverer of Newfoundland was John Cabot, a Genoese mariner, who set sail from Bristol in 1497 in search of a new world across the ocean. Cape Bonavista, on the east coast of the Island, is generally regarded as the place Cabot first sighted.
- From Lester's Field in St. John's, June 14th, 1919, Alcock and Brown took off in a Vickers Vimy bi-plane and landed in Ireland, successfully completing the first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic by air.
- Ever since Cabot's day the codfishery has been Newfoundland's biggest industry. Some 30,000 men are engaged in this occupation and the average annual catch is just under 1,000,000 quintals, much of which is now exported in frozen-fillet form.
- Newfoundland has a large pulp and paper industry with newsprint output ranging over a world market. Two of the country's most modern towns, Grand Falls and Corner Brook, have been built up around newsprint-mills operated by English interests.
- On November 10th, 1940, a fleet of seven Hudsons took off from Gander, Newfoundland, bound for England, and thereby was inaugurated the bomber-ferry system which put trans-Atlantic flying on an everyday basis.
- One of the largest iron ore mines in the world is located at Bell Island, in Conception Bay Newfoundland. Several thousand miners are steadily employed there and the output goes largely to Britain and Canada.
- Newfoundland has about 150 rivers in which Atlantic salmon are caught and some of these, notably the Humber and the Serpentine, offer the best sports fishing in the world. Newfoundland rivers are not leased and anyone can fish for the price of a licence.
- At Signal Hill, St. John's, on December 11th, 1901, Marconi recorded the first wireless signals to be flashed across the Atlantic, picking up the letter "S" as it was tapped out in Morse at Cornwall, England.
- Newfoundland's capital city and seat of Government is St. John's, which has a population of about 60,000. There are 1,438 settlements altogether, only 35 of which have a population of over 1,000.
- People of Newfoundland are mostly of Anglo-Saxon stock. Ninety per cent of the families in the "outports" own their homes, and in most cases the men build their own. Wives of fishermen are expert knitters and rug-hookers.
- In Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, August, 1941, the late President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, then prime Minister of Great Britain, drew up the historic "Atlantic Charter".

PICTURESQUE NEWFOUNDLAND